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STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Obituaries—J. F. Owen, J. A. Hodges, F. M. Dameron.

On Temperance—R. W. Bass, Lunda Lee, W. P. Collier.

On Deportment and Work of the Ministry—J. H. Pope, W. P. Collier, A. W. Gregory, J. J. Roberts, J. C. Jernigan.

ORDAINING COUNCIL.

J. F. Hill, Robert Strickland, Lunda Lee.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Avery, W. H.	
Blalock, J. A.	Wilson's Mills, N. C.
Bass, R. W.	Keener, N. C.
Bordeaux, A. J.	
Betts, J. J.	
Carr, C. J.	
Dudley, H. M.	
Ellis, J. S.	Clayton, N. C.
Godwin, W. L.	
Glover, W. R.	
Goff, H. H.	Benson, N. C.
Garris, O. B.	South Washington, N. C.
Hare, W. B.	McCall, S. C.
Hodges, J. A.	Benson, N. C.
Hill, J. F.	Aaron, N. C.
Jernigan, W. J.	Dunn, N. C.
Jernigan, H. W.	Dunn N. C.
Jackson, R. C.	Beulah, N. C.
Jackson, C. A.	Dunn, N. C.
Lee, Lunda	Giles Mills, N. C.
Lee, J. M.	
Langdon, J. M.	Wilson's Mills, N. C.
Lucas, J. W.	Dunn, N. C.
Mobley, G. S.	
Owen, J. F.	Dunn, N. C.
Pope, G. A.	Dunn, N. C.
Pope, H.	
Pearson, A. J.	
Rouse, J. A.	
Raynor, K.	
Strickland, Robert	
Strickland, W. B.	
Stafford, D. R.	Four Oaks, N. C.
Salmon, Jos.	
Wilson, J. M.	Hobton, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

J. W. King, Daniel Faircloth, L. J. Powell, L. H. Lee, H. J. Summerlin.

PROCEEDINGS.

HODGES' CHAPEL CHURCH,
HARNETT COUNTY, N. C., October 29th. 1902.

The Forty-ninth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference convened at place and date above named.

Elder H. W. Jernigan who was elected at the preceding session to preach the Introductory Sermon, was present and preached from 2nd Tim., 4:2, "Preach the Word."

Intermission of forty-five minutes for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference re-assembled at 2:30 and was called to order by the Moderator, and the names of those entitled to membership were enrolled as follows:

Z. Taylor—Moderator.
F. M. Dameron—Secretary.
R. M. Parker—Treasurer.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. H. Avery, J. A. Blalock, R. W. Bass, H. M. Dudley, J. S. Ellis, W. R. Glover, H. H. Goff, O. B. Garriss, W. B. Hare, J. A. Hodges, J. F. Hill, H. W. Jernigan, R. C. Jackson, C. A. Jackson, Lunda Lee, J. M. Langdon, J. W. Lucas, G. A. Pope, D. R. Stafford, Jos. Salmon, J. M. Lee, J. A. Rouse, K. Rayner, A. J. Bordeaux, C. J. Carr, J. J. Betts, W. L. Godwin.

LICENTIATES.

J. W. King, A. J. Pearson.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

New Zealand—N. T. Altman, W. T. Eldridge.
Bizzell's Grove—G. E. Edwards, David Jordan.
Oak Grove—Sampson Warren.
Pleasant Grove—J. H. Sonell, N. R. Lucas, A. S. Lucas.
Weaver's Grove—C. J. Turnage, J. E. Dorman.
Johnston Union—W. R. Parrish, B. A. Smith.
Lee's Chapel—W. A. Jackson, T. S. Godwin, M. A. Williford.
Prospect—J. L. Byrd, J. W. Avery, Nannie Parker.
Newton's Cross Roads—By letter.
Union Springs—S. H. Davis, J. P. Stephenson, A. W. Denning.
Long Branch—J. C. Pope, J. N. Rearden, H. F. Warren.

Collier's Chapel—James Rayner.
Fort Run—J. P. Smith, J. E. Price.
Owen Grove—J. B. Pope, M. W. Simmons.
Hodges' Chapel—J. R. Strickland, J. M. McLamb, J. V. Barefoot.
Williams' Grove—A. B. Guy, A. A. Beasley, W. G. Ellen.
Peniel—By letter.
Bethel—R. D. Stanley.
Shady Grove (Sampson county)—J. L. Wooten, J. E. Wilson.
New Hope—R. H. Allen, H. R. Hayes, J. B. Allen.
Wilmington—By letter.
Johnston Chapel—A. J. Holmes, Lemuel Hardee, J. A. Johnson.
Saint's Delight—Arthur Faircloth.
Rowan—By letter.
Hopewell—D. C. Johnson, W. M. Holt, E. A. Wallace.
Beasley's Grove—W. Y. Moore.
Saint Mary's Grove—W. R. Coates, J. W. Byrd.
North East—J. E. Cavenaugh, Elsa Cavenaugh.
Stony Run—J. B. Barefoot, N. T. Barefoot, A. A. Jernigan.
Roberts Grove—S. F. Jackson, J. T. Warren, W. E. Jackson.
Plainview—Lewis Hope, P. H. Highsmith.
Rayner's Chapel—W. H. Baker.
Tea Chapel—J. B. Pilkinton, J. N. Royal.
Casey's Chapel—I. Grant.
Corinth—R. H. Blew, K. Smith.
Wood's Grove—J. L. Alphin, F. P. Barefoot, E. C. Futrell.
Saint John—T. L. Sasser.
Dunn—J. H. Pope.
Saint Paul—J. M. Britt, Blake Warren, R. A. Jernigan.
Bethlehem—W. H. Phipps, J. C. Justice.
Garland—S. Robinson, R. C. Jackson.
Lebanon—J. R. Parker, W. J. Powell, T. E. Boney.
Benson—H. B. Ryals, R. C. Poole.
Zoar—E. R. Cooper, J. L. Crumpler, J. T. Hall.
New Chapel—J. M. Corbett.
Pittman's X Roads—J. B. Pittman, A. T. Price, A. R Hatch.
New Light—A. W. Gregory.
Mount Pleasant—W. C. Johnson.
C. C. King, Delegate from Western Conference.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Religious Exercises—J. M. McLamb, J. V. Barefoot, S. T. Jackson.

Committee on Obituaries—J. A. Hodges, J. F. Owen, F. M. Dameron.

On Temperance—Lunda Lee, R. W. Bass, W. P. Collier.
On Deportment and Work of the Ministry—J. H. Pope, W. P. Collier, A. W. Gregory.
Ordaining Council—J. F. Hill, Lunda Lee, Robert Strickland.
On Boundaries—J. E. Wilson, A. S. Lucas, J. B. Barefoot.
On Education—J. A. Blalock, R. C. Jackson, H. W. Jernigan.
On Finance—J. R. Strickland, Jr., A. S. Lucas, J. R. Parker.

ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

The Moderator called Lunda Lee. Secretary called A. W. Gregory.
The names of visiting brethren were enrolled as follows: R. Grice from the Eastern Conference and Theodore Yarboro of the Pentecostal church.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

We the committee beg leave to submit the following report: We appointed to preach to-night at 7:30 at Benson. Rev. R. W. Bass to open and Rev. W. W. Avant to preach.
At Hodge's Chapel to-night at 7:30. Rev. D. R. Stafford to open and Rev. Jos. Salmon to preach.
To-morrow at 10:30. Rev. J. S. Ellis open and Rev. J. A. Blalock preach. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. McLamb,
J. V. Barefoot,
S. F. Jackson, Com.

Upon motion Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 a. m. Benediction by Elder J. A. Hodges.

SECOND DAY.

October 30th, 1903.

Conference came together at time appointed and was called to order by Moderator. Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder C. A. Jackson, who read the 4th chapter of 1st Timothy and led in prayer.
The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.
The chair declared the Conference open for the transaction of business.
On motion, the Moderator was empowered to appoint a Committee on recording Texts. Miss Nannie Parker was appointed as said Committee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Introductory Sermon.
Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
Organization.
Appointment of Committees.
Call for Petitionary Letters.
Hand of fellowship to visiting brethren.
Reports from churches.
Reports from Committees.
Resolutions.
Miscellaneous business.
Adjournment.

The hand of fellowship was extended to Elder R. Grice of the Eastern Conference and to Rev. Theodore Yarboro of the Pentecostal Church. Rev. C. C. King, delegate from Western Conference. W. W. Avant visitor from South Carolina.

Conference then proceeded with business under the head of petitionary letters. Petition received from Wright's Chapel Church desiring admission into this Conference.

Upon motion, offered by J. F. Hill, said Church was received and the name of A. J. Pearson enrolled as delegate to represent said church.

REPORTS FROM CHURCHES.

Reports from the several churches were read. Petition received from Zoar Church for the next Conference.

Report from Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach at 2:30 p. m. Rev. J. W. Lucas open and Rev. J. F. Owen preach.

To-night at 7:30. Rev. W. H. Avery open and Rev. W. W. Avant preach.

To-night at 7:30 at Benson. Elder C. S. Churchill open and Elder J. S. Ellis preach.

Conference adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reassembled at 2 o'clock and proceeded with business under the head of reports from Committees.

Report from Board of Directors for Beulah High School was read and adopted as follows: October 29th, 1903. The Board of Directors met at Hodges' Chapel Church at the call of the Chairman. A quorum was present.

On motion R. C. Jackson was made Chairman pro tem. The pro-

ceedings of the previous meetings were found to be as follows (viz): At Dunn, N. C., in January, 1903. Was only the collecting of funds to meet the deficiency of the first five months of the Beulah High School. At the meeting held in June it was decided that we meet the full deficiency for the year and that we notify the principal of the School that we, the Board of Directors will assume no further responsibility, and that we tender to him the school upon its merits for the next session. We find the deficiency for the two terms of last year to be $278.22 This deficiency has been met and paid in full to Prof. J. E. B. Davis, principal of said school.

Payments received as follows: R. C. Jackson, $86.72; J. F. Hill, $23.50; W. P. Collier, $23.50; O. B. Garris, Z. Taylor, W. J. Powell, $5.00; J. L. Alphin, $23.25; A. W. Gregory, $23.25; H. W. Jernigan, $23.25; C. W. Anderson, $23.25; Ransom West, $23.25; F. M. Dameron, $23.25. Total, $278.22. We find the cost of school property to be $280.00. The amount paid on said property by some of the churches and individuals amounts to $170, leaving a balance due of $123.20. School deficiency $278.22; total Indebtedness $401.42.

On motion The Beulah High School Improvement Company is hereby allowed the privilege of putting single patent desks in the building of said High School and are allowed the privilege to remove the same at their will.

We the Board of Directors respectfully request the Conference to take immediate steps to meet the deficiency (or amount due) on School property, and shortage in salary of the principal for the two terms heretofore mentioned. Most respectfully,

J. L. Alphin, R. C. Jackson,
H. W. Jernigan, J. F. Hill,
C. W. Anderson, W. P. Collier,
Ransom West, O. B. Garris,
A. W. Gregory, Z. Taylor,
F. M. Dameron. W. J. Powell,

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

We the Committee on Religious Exercises beg to submit the following report: We appoint to preach to-morrow at 10:30 a. m. Elder Robert Strickland open and Elder O. B. Garriss preach.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. McLamb,
J. V. Barefoot,
S. F. Jackson, Com.

Upon motion by R. C. Jackson, a collection was taken up for the

purpose of meeting the debt incurred by the purchase of school property at Beulah, N. C. Balance due $123.25 was raised and said debt paid in full.

On motion by W. P. Collier the Treasurer was ordered to pay the money above mention to R. C. Jackson.

On motion by R. C. Jackson, the amount due by shortage on the salary of the principal of Beulah School as guaranteed by the Board of Directors for the scholastic year ending June 5th, 1903, shall be apportioned amongst the several Churches of this Conference according to their membership.

Upon motion the Moderator was empowered to appoint a committee to make said apportionment and to notify the Clerks of the several Churches of this Conference of the same, that they may report it to their respective churches.

Committee appointed as follows: H. W. Jernigan, R. C. Jackson, A. W. Gregory.

Upon motion by R. C. Jackson the treasurer was ordered to pay out of the funds received from the former treasurer $17.45 to H. W. Jernigan, as Home Mission Funds in favor of the Church at Benson, N. C. The Treasurer also pay to H. W. Jernigan $5.00 as pledged and collected by the Union Meeting of the fourth district for the Church at Benson, N. C.

Upon motion by Rev. H. H. Goff, Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 a. m. Benediction by Elder C. S. Churchill.

THIRD DAY.

October 31st, 1903.

Conference came together at 9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder R. W. Bass who read the 56th Psalm. Prayer by Elder R. C. Jackson.

The roll was called and 120 members answered, there being 13 absentees, from whom fines of 10 cents each were promptly collected as they came late. The minutes of yesterday were amended and approved. Conference proceeded with the business under the head of Reports from Committees.

ON SACRAMENTAL WINE.

We the Committee appointed during last Conference to examine the sacramental wine at Union Springs Church, beg leave to submit the following report. Owing to inclement weather at the time set to go we failed to get there and therefore cannot report the condition

of said wine. And respectfully ask to be relieved of this duty.

Respectfully submitted,
LUNDA LEE,
C. A. JACKSON,
H. W. JERNIGAN,
Committee.

Above report was received and the committee discharged.

Upon motion by W. P. Collier, Union Springs Church was relieved of the charge prefered, viz: Of Using fermented wine in her commemoration services.

ON OBITUARIES.

We the Committee on Obituaries beg to submit the following report. We desire to express our thanks to our merciful Heavenly Father for his mercy extended toward us, that no Minister of our Conference has been called into eternity during this Conference year.

Most respectfully submitted,
J. A. HODGES,
J. F. OWEN,
F. M. DAMERON,
Committee.

ON TEMPERANCE.

We, the Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report. Seeing the great evil of intemperance and knowing that the use of Spirituous Liquors as a beverage is condemned by the Bible, we wish hereby to urge upon all the ministers of this Conference the necessity of preaching against said evil. (2) Knowing that total abstinence is the only safe way of living temperate; we therefore urge both ministers and laity to do all they can for the cause of total prohibition. (3) We recommend that all parents embrace the rule of total abstinence, and teach it to their children. (4) We most heartily endorse the action of the Legislature of North Carolina in behalf of prohibition, and invoke the blessings of God upon it.

R. W. BASS,
W. P. COLLIER,
LUNDA LEE, Com.

ON EDUCATION.

We your Committee on Education beg to report as follows: Knowing that the educational qualification of our people is far below what it should be; we therefore ask this body to look after and encourage the cause of education among our people in every way possible, and impress upon their minds the importance of taking the advantage of every opportunity.

(2) We recommend that we as a united people patronize our own educational institution at Beulah, N. C. (3) We recommend Prof. J. E. B. Davis, (Principal of said school) to be a competent educator, and as being fully prepared to give our children the necessary educational training. (4) We further recommend the school as being situated in a healthy locality three and one-half miles from Clinton, N. C., convenient to railroad. (5) Board can be obtained with good families in private homes at $6 to $7 per month. Every convenience to suit the students in a preparatory school. Respectfully,

H. W. Jernigan,
J. A. Blalock,
R. C. Jackson,
Committee.

ORDAINING COUNCIL.

We the Ordaining Council beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined all applicants appearing before us, on the doctrines of salvation, faith, and practice of the Free Will Baptist Church and have found J. M. Wilson, A. J. Pearson, W. B. Strickland, orthodox, and have set them apart to the full work of the ministry by a charge, prayer, and laying on of hands, and ask that their names be enrolled as ordained ministers. Respectfully submitted,

Lunda Lee,
Robert Strickland,
J. F. Hill.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the law passed by this Conference, providing that no minister should serve any one local church more than two years be and the same is hereby repealed. Respectfully,

J. R. Parker.

Above resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the resolution constituting the Ministers' meeting be and the same is hereby repealed. Respectfully,

Lunda Lee.

Said resolution was adopted.

Recess of one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reassembled at 2:30 and proceeded with the business under the head of reports.

We the Committee on religious exercises beg to report as follows, to preach at 2:30. Elder W. B. Hair open and Elder C. C. King preach. To-night at 7:30. Elder W. R. Glover open and Elder C. S. Churchill preach.

At Benson. Elder J. M. Wilson open and Elder C. A. Jackson preach. To-morrow at 10:30 a. m. Elder C. A. Jackson open and Elder J. F. Hill preach, followed by Elder R. C. Jackson,

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. McLamb,
J. V. Barefoot,
S. F. Jackson,
Committee.

Elder C. C. King (delegate from the Western Conference) made a short talk urging Free Will Baptists to be careful to follow the old landmarks.

Rev. Theodore Yarboro of the Pentecostal Church was present and responded to a welcome accorded him in a short and appropriate address. Rev. W. H. Avant of the Pee Dee Association of South Carolina addressed the Conference with words of encouragement.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We find in the hands of the Treasurer as received from former Treasurer ..... $ 24 31
Minute fund for 1903 ..... 41 22
Foreign Missions 16 43
Home Missions 44 75
Fines 1 40
Disciplines sold 1 80
From Clerk 65
For Beulah High School 123 20

Total. $253 76
Paid to Chairman of Committee for Beulah School $123 20
Paid to H. W. Jernigan 17 45

Total now in the hands of the Treasurer $113 11

Respectfully,

J. R. Strickland, Jr.,
J. R. Parker,
A. S. Lucas,
Committee.

Report received and Committee discharged.

Committee on Deportment and Work of Ministry report as follows:

We find nothing derogatory to the Christian character of any of our ministers. We find that Elder G. W. Stancil has connected himself with the Methodist church, and tendered us his credentials; we therefore ask that his name be dropped from roll of ordained minis-

ters of this Conference. We find that William Pope has connected himself with the Pentecostal church; we therefore recommend that his credentials be demanded and his name dropped. We find that G. A. Pope has been silenced for one year with the privilege of reconsidering his course and returning; we therefore recommend that his case be investigated. We find that E. L. Parker has connected himself with the Pentecostal church; we ask that his credentials be demanded and his name dropped.

H. M. Dudley, J. H. Faircloth and J. A. Rouse have failed to report to us; we therefore ask them to hand in their reports at their earliest convenience, and be more punctual in the future. In the case of E. F. Edwards, we are informed that he has connected himself with some other branch of the church; if this be true, we ask that his credentials be demanded and his name dropped.

Respectfully,

W. P. Collier, Chairman.

A. W. Gregory, Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion, by J. F. Hill, the Secretary was ordered to buy a book of records and draw on the Treasurer for the cost of said book.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

H. W. Jernigan was appointed to demand of E. L. Parker his credentials, and R. C. Jackson was appointed to wait upon E. F. Edwards in like manner.

On motion by D. R. Stafford F. P. Bartlett was appointed as delegate to Union Conference; J. L. Alphin was appointed alternate; said Conference to convene with Hull Road church, Greene County, N. C., on Thursday before the second Sunday in January, 1904.

The Chair appoints R. C. Jackson and J. F. Hill as delegates to the Triennial Conference to be held at Dunn, N. C., in October, 1904.

Resolution to amend the resolution passed by this body last session regarding Union Meetings. Following is a copy of said resolutions, as amended:

"Resolved, 1st. That this Conference organize the four Sunday-school Districts into Union Meeting Districts; also,

"2d. That each Union District on Friday before each fifth Sunday during the Conference year, shall hold a Union Meeting at some point designated for said meeting.

"3d. That each local church shall elect a delegate to each Union Meeting held in their respective districts, who shall bear a church letter to said Union, stating the amount raised for Home and Foreign Missions.

"4th. That the Secretary of each Union District shall make an

annual report to this Conference of all the money raised for both Home and Foreign Missions, and of its work in general."

Respectfully,

R. C. Jackson.

On motion the Secretary was ordered to have 1,000 copies of the minutes of this Conference printed, and send twenty-five copies to each of the following named Conferences: Eastern, Western and Central, and distribute the remainder among the several churches of this Conference.

Three churches, viz., Shady Grove, Prospect and Zoar, petitioned for the next Conference.

A vote was taken, deciding in favor of Zoar.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay to J. A. Blalock $1.50 as his expenses as delegate to the Western Conference.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay to H. W. Jernigan $35 out of the Home Mission fund as balance due on church at Benson, N. C.

Whereas, the doors of Mount Pleasant church have been locked by a minister of another Conference against a minister of our Conference who had been in charge of said church, on motion by J. F. Hill, J. A. Blalock and A. W. Gregory were appointed as a committee to investigate the matter, and if said church-house is found to be the property of this Conference, said committee is hereby authorized to demand possession and make full report of the matter to this Conference at the next session.

On motion, Rev. J. A. Blalock was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon at the beginning of the next session of this Conference, and Rev. H. H. Goff was elected as alternate.

On motion by R. C. Jackson, a vote of thanks was tendered Hodges' Chapel church and community for the kind and hospitable manner in which this Conference has been entertained.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, 1st. That each minister of this Conference, upon entering upon their pastoral charges, shall proceed at once to organize each church into a Missionary Society.

2d. That the money raised by said societies shall be turned over to the Treasurer of this Conference, and used only for the purpose for which it was intended, as expressed by the donor.

Respectfully,

J. A. Blalock.

The above resolution was adopted.

On motion, the Moderator was impowered to appoint the following-

named five brethren as a Board of Missions: J. A. Blalock, R. C. Jackson, J. F. Hill, O. B. Garriss, W. B. Hare. Said Board is vested with power to draw on the Treasurer for all money raised by the several societies of this Conference and paid to him, said money to be used only for the purpose for which it was given (for Home or Foreign Missions, as the case may be), to the best advantage, according to the discretion of said Board.

On motion by J. M. Langdon, the Moderator appointed J. A. Blalock as a delegate to the Central Conference, D. R. Stafford to the Eastern and W. H. Avery to the Western.

On motion, the Board of Directors for Beulah High School were discharged.

On motion by Elder H. H. Goff, Conference adjourned.

Benediction by Elder D. R. Stafford.

Z. TAYLOR, Moderator.

F. M. DAMERON, Secretary.

MINISTER'S REPORT FOR 1903.

MINISTERS	Churches Served.	Members Received.	Sermons.	Days in Revival.	Churches Organized.	Deacons Ordained.	Funerals.	S. S. Lectures.	Married	Amount received.
O. B Garris, *	4	17	207	....	....	....	....	....	....	$ 100 00
Evangelist H. H. Goff, †	....	....	293	....	....	....	2	....	2	192 00
H. Pope	2	6	.....	17	....	1	....	....	2	11 75
J. A. Blalock	4	17	95	....	....	....	....	....	1	72 59
W. B. Hare	4	....	140	....	....	....	2	....	1	186 32
C. A. Jackson	3	20	.....	39	....	....	....	2	....	145 15
D. R. Stafford	2	17	130	24	....	....	3	1	....	16 67
Kenneth Raynor	2	17	75	22	....	1	....	....	....	48 30
Joseph Salmon	1	....	70	....	....	....	2	4	2	34 66
J. W. Lucas	1	....	36	10	....	....	....	....	2	.....
W. H. Avery	2	20	75	....	....	....	....	....	....	18 50
J. F. Hill	2	....	.....	50	....	....	2	4	....	85 15
Lunda Lee	2	13	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	54 00
R. W. Bass	1	....	70	22	....	....	....	....	....	25 00
J. F. Owen	5	24	.....	35	....	....	10	....	14	.....
W. J. Jernigan	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	2	.....
J. M. Langdon	1	3	41	18	....	2	2	1	....	3 65
J. A. Hodges	1	1	.....	21	....	....	....	....	3	9 30
H. W. Jernigan	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	44 00
W. R. Glover	....	....	33	11	....	....	3	....	....	.....
Robert Strickland	....	8	60	10	....	....	4	....	....	1 25
R. C. Jackson	5	....	.....	70	....	....	....	....	....	.....
J. S. Ellis	1	1	40	10	....	....	1	1	....	.....

* Served three Mission points.

† One hundred and sixty professions.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS.

FIRST DISTRICT.

The First District Freewill Baptist Sunday School Convention held its annual meeting with the church at Hodges Chapel on the first Saturday in October, 1903, transacted its regular business and appointed its next meeting to be held at Pleasant Grove church on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1904.

Delegate—J. R. Strickland.

R. M. Parker, President.
J. W. Lucas, Secretary.

Prospect Sunday School reports—Number of members on roll, 62; average attendance, 43; to church from Sunday School, 10; paid for literature, $3.32.

R. M. Parker, Supt., Miss Nannie Parker, Sec.

Hodges' Chapel Sunday School reports—Number of members on roll, 92; average attendance, 60; paid for literature. $4.82.

H. F. Mobley, Supt., J. S. Neighbors, Sec.

Beasley's Grove Sunday School reports—Number of members on roll, 45; regular attendants, 30; to church from Sunday School, 5; paid for literature, $8.75.

W. Y. Moore, Supt., E. P. West, Sec.

Benson Sunday School reports—Number of members on roll, 32; average attendance, 20; collected, $9.00; paid for literature, $7.85.

H. B. Ryals, Supt., C. W. Anderson, Assistant.

Pleasant Grove Sunday School reports—Number of members on roll, 80; average attendance, 50; paid for literature, $5.63; amount collected, $27.70.

A. S. Lucas, Supt., N. R. Lucas, Sec.

Weaver's Grove Sunday School reports—Number of members on roll, 45; average attendance, 35; paid for literature, $1.40.

C. J. Turnage, Supt., J. E. Dorman, Sec.

SECOND DISTRICT.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Members on roll.	Church members.	To church from S. S.	Average attendance.	Paid for literature.	Miscellaneous funds.	DELEGATES.
Lee's Chapel	M. A. Williford	45	22	.	35	1 00	5 00	A. M. Holland.
Roberts' Grove	S. F. Jackson	83	23	..	51	2 53	9 00	I. L Jackson.
Shady Grove	E. R. Wilson	139	50	..	80	8 70	20 40	E. L. Dudley.
Corinth	Z. Taylor	62	15	..	34	75	8 25	.....

There was not any Convention held in this District this year on account of a very rainy day.

The next Convention will be held with the Church at Shady Grove on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1904.

S. F. Jackson, President, Ramon, N. C.

W. A. Jackson, Secretary, Ramon, N. C.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDING TEXTS.

October 29, 12 m., H. W. Jernigan, second Timothy, 4th chapter, 2nd verse.
October 30, 10 a. m., J. A. Blalock, St. John, 16th chapter, 7th and 8th verses.
October 30, 3 p. m., J. F. Owen, Matthew, 13th chapter, 6th verse.
October 30, 7 p. m., W. W. Avant, Matthew, 7th chapter.
October 31, 10 a. m., O. B. Garris, Luke, 10th chapter, 30th and 36th verses.
October 31, 3 p. m., C. C. King, St. John, 21st chapter and 15th verse.
October 31, 7:30 p. m., C. S. Churchill.
November 1, 11 a. m., R. C. Jackson, 2nd Corinthians, 13th chapter and 11th verse.

Respectfully submitted, Miss Nannie Parker, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BEULAH HIGH SCHOOL.

We, the Committee appointed to make apportionment to the Churches to meet the school shortage of the Beulah High School, submit the following, *viz:*

Beasley Grove	$ 2 88	Oak Grove	$ 3 42
Bethel	5 13	Owen Grove	5 94
Bizzell's Grove	4 23	Pleasant Grove	10 17
Bethlehem	6 39	Prospect	6 21
Benson	1 17	Penial	1 26
Collier's Chapel	8 91	Piney Grove	2 79
Carr's Chapel	2 25	Pittman's Cross Roads	1 35
Corinth	3 51	Plain View	5 67
Casey's Chapel	5 67	Rowan	3 42
Dunn	4 95	Roberts' Grove	6 30
Garland	3 96	Raynor's Chapel	3 06
Hopewell	3 33	Saints' Delight	4 68
Hodges' Chapel	16 47	Shady Grove (Duplin)	3 15
Henry's Grove	——	Shady Grove (Sampson)	31 77
Johnson's Chapel	3 96	St. Mary's Grove	3 69
Johnston Union	10 98	Stony Run	9 63
Fort Run	11 34	St. Paul	8 55
Lee's Chapel	8 19	Tea Chapel	2 52
Long Branch	10 89	Union Springs	1 71
Lebanon	5 13	Union Grove	1 17
New Zealand	4 05	Williams' Grove	1 53
North East	3 06	Wood's Grove	11 52
Newton Cross Roads	1 62	Weaver's Grove	90
New Hope	5 94	Yelvington's Grove	2 43
New Chapel	1 35	Zoar	5 76
New Light	90		

H. W. Jernigan, Chmn.
A. W. Gregory, Sec.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1903.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	For Minutes.	Paid Pastor.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Members Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Increase.	Decrease.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Miscellaneous Fund.
Benson	Johnston	30	$14 53	.....	7 31	2	1	...	...	...	2	...	8	7	15	$45 00
Beasley's Grove	Johnston	25	20 20	.....	.....	3	...	2	2	1	...	2	5	14	19	.....
Bethel	Johnston	1 00	13 00	.....	.....	6	4	...	...	...	5	...	18	47	65	5 00
Bizzell's Grove	Wayne	50	10 85	.....	.....	4	1	1	...	3	...	...	16	30	46	.....
Bethlehem	Sampson	1 00	60 00	.....	.....	3	1	4	...	...	...	1	36	37	73	9 72
Casey's Chapel	Wayne	1 50	48 30	.....	.....	11	9	6	...	1	4	...	24	49	73	.....
Carr's Chapel	Pender	30	25 00	.....	.....	7	2	...	2	...	5	...	11	17	28	.....
Collier's Chapel	Cumberland	1 00	44 92	.....	.....	7	5	2	...	1	4	...	41	65	106	.....
Corinth	Harnett	50	17 45	50	.....	...	...	10	...	...	...	10	8	19	27	.....
Dunn	Harnett	1 20	50 00	.....	.....	3	...	...	...	1	2	...	25	35	60	.....
Fort Run	Greene	1 50	6 90	.....	.....	8	6	2	...	1	5	...	42	87	129	.....
Garland	Sampson	75	48 00	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	30	57	1 75
Hodges' Chapel	Harnett	1 05	22 20	3 25	.....	...	...	...	21	...	...	21	45	117	162	50 00
Hopewell	Johnston	1 00	31 00	.....	.....	8	1	...	...	1	7	...	16	30	46	85
Johnson Union	Johnston	2 00	37 00	10 46	.....	12	10	3	6	2	1	...	35	88	123	5 10
Johnson Chapel	Johnston	1 00	17 45	6 32	6 32	...	...	1	1	1	...	3	15	29	44	.....
Lee's Chapel	Sampson	1 55	15 00	.....	.....	1	...	2	1	2	...	4	40	38	78	.....
Lebanon	Sampson	1 00	36 00	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	82 75
Long Branch	Harnett	75	22 23	.....	.....	6	5	...	...	1	5	...	62	90	152	.....
New Hope	Johnston	1 50	21 50	.....	.....	3	1	7	1	1	...	6	28	43	71	18 50
North East	Duplin	50	35 00	5 00	.....	17	10	...	...	...	17	...	24	29	53	.....
Newton's X Roads	Duplin	35	15 00	.....	.....	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	6	10	16	9 00
New Zealand	Johnston	75	23 40	.....	.....	3	1	1	...	1	1	...	18	29	47	4 30
New Light	Johnston	25	.....	.....	.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	7	3	10	37 00
New Chapel	Johnston	60	10 13	.....	.....	10	6	...	...	...	10	...	11	14	25	.....
Owen Grove	Sampson	26	24 00	58	.....	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	29	38	67	3 50
Oak Grove	Sampson	1 15	24 05	.....	.....	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	14	22	36	.....
Prospect	Harnett	1 25	36 22	.....	.....	14	9	2	1	...	11	...	30	52	82	17 85
Peniel		50	5 00	50	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	8	14	.....
Pittman's X Roads	Johnston	1 00	8 00	3 00	75	10	7	...	...	...	10	...	11	14	25	.....
Pleasant Grove		1 30	44 25	.....	.....	3	2	...	1	3	...	3	47	60	107	.....
Plain View	Sampson	75	31 75	.....	.....	4	2	2	4	...	...	2	25	45	70	6 00
Raynor's Chapel	Cumberland	1 00	13 30	.....	.....	17	6	...	1	...	16	...	23	27	50	5 69
Rowan	Bladen	40	36 00	.....	.....	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	15	23	38	20 87
Roberts' Grove	Sampson	1 00	14 15	.....	.....	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	28	42	70	.....
Shady Grove	Sampson	2 00	30 00	.....	.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	137	215	352	10 00
St. Mary's Grove	Johnston	50	9 20	50	.....	1	...	8	...	...	...	7	7	28	32	1 50
St. Pauls'	Sampson	1 00	48 50	.....	.....	1	...	1	...	2	...	2	34	59	93	.....
Saints Delight	Sampson	25	9 45	.....	1 05	6	...	2	...	...	4	...	2	4	6	.....
St. John's	Wayne	50	15 50	.....	.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	12	13	25	300 00
Stony Run	Sampson	1 60	40 52	.....	.....	7	4	1	...	...	6	...	38	72	110	.....
Tea Chapel	Johnston	50	43 45	.....	.....	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	7	22	29	.....
Union Springs	Johnston	45	6 25	.....	.....	4	2	1	...	...	3	...	8	15	22	.....
Wilmington	New Hanover	1 00	30 00	.....	.....	4	...	...	...	1	3	...	.....	.....	30	.....
Wood's Grove	Wayne	2 00	38 42	10 35	.....	12	7	2	...	1	9	...	51	84	135	.....
Weaver's Grove	Johnston	20	5 50	.....	.....	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	4	7	11	.....
Wright's Chapel		50	9 10	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	8	.....
Williams' Grove	Harnett	29	5 45	.....	.....	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	9	15	24	.....
Yelvington's Grove	Johnston	50	.....	.....	.....	5	1	2	...	...	3	...	11	18	29	1 00
Zoar	Sampson	1 40	37 10	1 00	1 00	12	12	...	...	1	11	...	34	40	74	.....
Mount Pleasant	Wake	25	1 50	.....	.....	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	1	3	4	.....

DIRECTORY 1903.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	PASTORS FOR 1903.
Benson	C. W. Anderson	Benson, N. C	J. A. Blalock.
Beasley's Grove	W. Y. Moore	Benson, N. C	Kenneth Raynor.
Bethel	E. M. Temple	Four Oaks, N. C	W. J. Jernigan.
Bizzell's Grove	G. E. Edwards	Starl.ght, N. C	D. R. Stafford.
Bethlehem	O. M. Lee	Turkey, N. C	C. A. Jackson.
Casey's Chapel	E. E. Long	Goldsboro, N. C	R. C. Jackson.
Carr's Chapel	S. W. Lewis	Grit, N. C	C. J. Carr.
Collier's Chapel	J. M. Collier	Draughon, N C	Lunda Lee.
Dunn	C. L. Guy	Dunn, N. C	J. F. Hill.
Fort Run	W. J. Ginn	Shine. N. C	J. A. Suggs.
Garland	J. C. Bordeaux	Garland, N. C	R. C. Jackson.
Hodges Chapel	J. R. Strickland, Jr	Benson, N. C	H W. Jernigan.
Hopewell	J. R. Johnson	Benson, N C	J. F. Owen.
Johnson Union	S. C. Turnage	Smithfield, N. C	J. F. Owen.
Johnson's Chapel	J. A. Johnson	Selma, N. C	J. A. Blalock.
Corinth	E. R. Blew	Dunn, N. C	R W. Bass.
Lee's Chapel	E. B. Tart	Mingo; N. C	Lunda Lee.
Lebanon	H. E. Peterson	Dalila, N. C	R. C. Jackson.
Long Branch	L. W. Tart	Dunn, N. C	W. B. Hare.
New Hope	J. B. Jernigan	Four Oaks, N. C	H. W. Jernigan.
North East	M. H. Alexander	Pasley, N. C	Not named.
Newton's X Roads	J. D. Highsmith	Harrell's Store, N. C	C. J. Carr.
New Zealand	M. F. Blackman	Overshot, N. C	Jos. Salmon.
New Light	A. J. Gregory	Barclaysville, N. C	J. W. Lucas.
New Chapel	J. W. Pool	Powhatan, N. C	W. H. Avery.
Owen Grove	D. L. Owen	Clinton, N. C	R. C. Jackson.
Oak Grove	W. E. Godwin	Rosin Hill, N. C	J. F. Owen.
Prospect	C. L. Avery	Averasboro, N. C	C. A. Jackson.
Penial	C. V. B. Batts	Willard, N. C	O. B. Garris.
Pittman's X Roads	A. R. Hatch	Selma, N. C	W H. Avery.
Pleasant Grove	A. S. Lucas	Dunn, N. C	W. B. Hare.
Plainview	R. C. Bass	Clinton, N. C	R. C. Jackson
Raynor's Chapel	Hattie D. Rayner	Rockfish, N. C	K. Raynor.
Rowan	Rush Woodcock	Olga, N. C	O B. Garris.
Roberts' Grove	S. F. Jackson	Ramon, N. C	J. F. Owen.
Shady Grove	W. A. Jackson	Ramon, N. C	J F. Owen.
St. Mary's Grove	W. R. Coates	Pou, N. C	J. A. Hodges.
St. Pauls'	F. M. Dameron	Newton Grove, N. C	C. A. Jackson.
Saints Delight	B. Morgan	Chance, N C	H. M. Dudley.
St. John	J. C. Grant	Goldsboro, N. C	J. F. Hill
Stony Run	W. E. Jernigan	Mingo, N. C	W. B. Hare.
Tea Chapel	J. N. Royal	Pine Level, N. C	W. B. Hare.
Union Springs	J P. Stephenson	Benson, N. C	H. Pope.
Wilmington	Solomon Godwin	Wilmington, N. C	C. J. Carr.
Wood's Grove	J. J. Roberts	Saulston, N. C	J. A. Blalock.
Weaver's Grove	J. E. Dorman	Barclaysville, N. C	H. Pope.
Wright's Chapel	F. M. Stephens	NcNair, N. C	W. B. Hare.
Williams' Grove	A. B. Guy	Angier, N. C	J. S. Ellis.
Yelverton's Grove	Mary Roberts	Smithfield, N. C	J. H. Worley.
Zoar	J. L. Crumpler	Salemburg, N. C	R. C. Jackson.
Mount Pleasant	Nelia Adams	Willow Springs, N. C	J. A. Blalock.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' MEETING FOR 1903.

The sixth session of the Ministers' Meeting convened with Stony Run Church, Sampson County, N. C., on October 6th at 7:30 p. m., 1903. Elder J. A. Blalock, having been previously elected to preach the Introductory sermon, preached from 1st Timothy, fourth chapter and sixteenth verse. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine, continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." After the Introductory sermon the meeting adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 a. m.

SECOND DAY'S MEETING.

The meeting came together at 9:30 o'clock; religious services conducted by Elder Lunda Lee. Names of ministers were enrolled as follows: W. H. Avery, J. A. Blalock, H. H. Goff, W. B. Hair, J. A. Hodges (by proxy), H. W. Jernigan, W. J. Jernigan, C. A. Jackson, Lunda Lee, J. M. Langdon (by letter), H. Pope, J. A. Rouse, D. R. Stafford, Joseph Salmon, R. W. Bass, J. F. Hill (by letter), R. C. Jackson (by letter).

Licentiate—H. J. Summerlin.

Visiting Ministers—T. Yarbrough, of the Holiness Church, and G. B. Cashwell, of the Central Conference.

The President appoints Brother G. B. Cashwell to preach at 11 o'clock.

On motion, the President appoints Brothers J. A. Blalock, H. W. Jernigan and W. B. Hair a Committee on Program.

After a short intermission the congregation re-assembles in the house for preaching. Brother G. B. Cashwell preaches from the book of Mark, 16th chapter and six last verses of the chapter.

Intermission of one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting re-assembled at 2 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by the President. The Committee on Program made their report:

PROGRAM.

Subject No. 1—Should we, as ministers, pay the Lord tithes and encourage the laity to do the same?

Subject No. 2—What is the meaning of the Parable of the pounds, set forth by our Savior and recorded in Luke, 19th chapter, 11 to 28 verses?

Subject No. 3—Is Sanctification as a second work of Peace a necessary qualification for Heaven?

Subject No. 1 was discussed, and it was agreed that the ministry should pay and encourage the laity to pay tithes.

On motion, we adjourn to meet at 9:30 o'clock to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.

The congregation assembled in the house at 9:30 and religious services were conducted by Elder Joseph Salmon.

Subject No. 2 was discussed, and it was agreed that the parable of the pounds teaches that Jesus is the nobleman; the servants His disciples; the pounds the Bible in harmony with the Holy Ghost; Heaven the far country. His return is to set up a literal kingdom, the faithful servants to share with Him in that kingdom and reign with Him a thousand years and rule cities. The unfaithful to be cast into the great tribulation at His premillenial coming; his enemies those who will be slain at the great battle of Armegeddon, to be fought at the end of the tribulation. Rev. 19th chapter.

The meeting was called off one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

Subject No. 3 was discussed, and it was agreed that Sanctification, as a second work of grace, is a necessary qualification for Heaven, without which no man shall see the Lord. Heb. 12:14.

On motion by Elder Salmon, that this Ministers' Meeting extend a vote of thanks to the people of Stony Run for their generous entertainment of this meeting.

On motion by Rev. J. A. Blalock, that this Ministers' Meeting adjourn until further ordered by the Annual Conference.

Closing remarks by the President.

LUNDA LEE, President.

C. A. JACKSON, Secretary.